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Argentina: [There is growing doubt that the 23 June elections will be held on schedule]

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[redacted] if the parties do not reach a suitable election formula within the next several weeks, a military take-over might result.]

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[Meanwhile, civilian sentiment in favor of postponement of the elections is also reported to be growing. If President Guido feels that he is unable to resist these pressures, he might resign, as he has threatened in the past.]

[Peronist leader Matera's visit to Brazil on 30 March, reportedly to discuss the Argentine political situation with President Goulart, is likely to provoke increased resentment against the Peronists]

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South Korea: [Prospects for an early resolution of the political crisis are not good]

[Talks between junta leader Pak Chong-hui and two leading civilian politicians--Yun Po-sun and Ho Chong--have reached an impasse. A complete breakdown was averted only by the establishment of a working-level group of representatives of the two sides to study Pak's proposals for an interim government.]

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[Ambassador Berger feels that events may be headed toward an "explosion," which would probably cause the regime to take repressive measures and probably, in view of the US stand against the military government, to instigate anti-American demonstrations.]

[Despite a recently staged show of military support for Pak, there is dissension within the armed forces.]

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*Syria: The unstable Syrian Government has been forced to resort to severe measures to suppress three days of pro-Nasir rioting. Pro-Nasir demonstrators, egged on by Cairo, took over Baathist demonstrations planned by the regime and were dispersed by troops and police with fire hoses, clubs, and gunfire. The appointment of the interior minister as deputy military governor in charge of all internal security and imposition of strict curfew indicates the government's determination to force a showdown with the Nasirites.

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Yemen-Aden-UK: The chances of new clashes along the Yemeni - Aden Federation border appear to be growing. The Yemeni Government alleges that the British are arming royalist tribal elements recently driven out of Yemen. It has asked the US to deliver a note to the British demanding that they expel members of the deposed Yemeni royal family and their followers from Federation territory. The British, while not directly supporting royalist elements, have not prevented such Aden Federation leaders as the Sharif of Bayhan from clandestinely supplying them with small arms and ammunition.

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Yugoslavia - East Germany: Yugoslavia has rejected a formal request by East Germany that diplomatic representations be raised to the embassy level, according to a Yugoslav Foreign Ministry official. The Yugoslavs told the East Germans that the present state of relations did not justify higher diplomatic representation. Belgrade probably does not want to jeopardize the recent improvement in its relations with West Germany.

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